

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| <b>Title:</b> Viterbi slicer for turbo codes |  |

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In response to a final office action mailed on 09-24-2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20070831) regarding the above-identified U.S. utility patent application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment and response within 2 months of the mailing date thereof.

The 2 month due date for responding to the office action falls on Saturday, 11-24-2007, and the Applicant respectfully believes that this amendment and response being filed on the immediately following business day, namely, Monday, 11-26-2007, is timely filed.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide consideration and/or response to this amendment/response via a Notice of Allowance (or within an Advisory Action) in a reasonably timely manner so that the Applicant may actively pursue its options regarding this case, including an appeal, if necessary.